

SCR TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD

6th FEBRUARY 2018

SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	Present: <u>Board Members</u> Cllr Julie Dore (SCC) – CHAIR Martin McKervey (LEP) Simon Carr (LEP) <u>In Attendance / Advisory Members</u> Matt Reynolds (RMBC)	
	Peter Dale (DMBC) Paul Castle (BMBC) Tom Finnegan-Smith (SCC) Steve Edwards (SYPTE) Mark Lynam (SCR Exec Team) David Budd (SCR Exec Team) Craig Tyler (Joint Authorities Governance Unit) + Ed Downer (Mott McDonald) for item 8	
	Apologies were received from Board Members Cllr Tricia Gilby (CBC), Diana Terris (BMBC) and Neil Taylor (BaDC) + Damien Wilson (RMBC), Matt Gladstone (BMBC) Mike Ashworth (DCC)	
2	Minutes of the Previous MeetingThe minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th November were agreed to be an accurate record.The Chair noted she met recently with Tim Wood (Interim Northern Powerhouse Rail Director) recently to discuss matters	
3	of pertinence to the SCR. Declarations of Interest None noted.	
4	Urgent Items / Announcements	

	None requested.	
	HS2 Update – Growth Strategy and Parkway Station	
	A verbal report was provided on HS2 related matters.	
	It was confirmed the interim Growth Strategy report, outlining progress made to date, was submitted as expected. This includes comment on a number of variables which are impinging on the Strategy's development, such as a lack of clarity around a preferred parkway station location, the late announcements of the revised preferred route and difficulties extracting important economic development data from HS2 Ltd.	
	It was noted the intention is the final Growth Strategy will be submitted September / October 2018	
	It was confirmed the submission of the interim report will release tranche 2 funding for the full economic commission and explain how HS2 will enhance the local supply chain and help deliver other tangible benefits. A report is due to go to the next meeting of the Combined Authority to recommend the acceptance of the tranche 2 funding.	
	It was noted work is continuing with relevant government agencies in respect of determining a preferred parkway station location. However, it was suggested the rate of progress is currently frustrating and a lack of activity on the government's part regarding the release of important information is affecting the SCR's ability to progress work.	
	It was noted DfT had commissioned HS2 Ltd to review the process taken to date in relation to potential locations and a firmer indication of their preferred location is expected to be announced April/May. The announcement will then be subject to a further round of stakeholder consultation and other assessments before any final decision is made.	
	It was noted SCR officers are undertaking a localised economic assessment of the potential locations, with this work feeding into DfT's overall assessment. However, the SCR assessment remains hampered by the lack of required DfT data releases. The region's frustration in respect of this matter is to be expressed to DfT via a letter from the Combined Authority Chair. It was suggested recent reshuffles within DfT and new ministerial appointments might be contributory factors.	
	It was suggested there will be an appropriate time to also express the SCR LEP's concerns regarding the lack of data being released.	

	The Board discussed how the HS2 'offer' to the SCR has evolved over time. Consideration was given to the risks to the SCR if the region can't coalesce around a preferred parkway station location. The reasons affecting this situation were acknowledged. It was agreed the outcomes of the economic assessment of the potential locations needs to be a significant contributory factor in the determination of a preferred parkway location. It was noted TfN is likely to have an opinion on what might be its preferred location from the perspective of where might best serve the wider North of England	
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6	Update on SCR Mass Transit Re-Railing	
	A report was received to update the Board on the plans to replace parts of the embedded rail on the Supertram network in Sheffield.	
	It was noted two tender exercises are underway for the manufacture of the rail and the laying of the rail.	
	It is anticipated works will commence spring 2018 and will be scheduled over 3 years to minimise disruption to services.	
	A full communications strategy will be in operation to aid service users.	
	It was noted this undertaking is separate to the project looking at vehicle and power supply replacement (with both coming towards the end of their expected 30 year serviceable life) and a longer term project which is considering the potential future expansion of the network.	
	RESOLVED, that the Board notes the content of the report, in particular the timescales over which rail replacement will be delivered.	
7	SCR Transport Strategy Consultation Progress Report	
	A report was received to provide the Board with an update on the SCR Transport Strategy consultation process to date and to present some initial feedback.	
	The Board was reminded the 12 week consultation commenced on 8 th January and was provided with a precis of engagements undertaken to date and currently planned.	

	It was noted that upon the consultation's closing, the officer working group will be reconvened to assess all responses and agree the next steps in relation to the draft Strategy's further development, ahead of the presentation of the revised draft to TEB and the Combined Authority. It was noted TEB will also receive a summary of the comments received. It was noted Sheffield is currently also consulting on its city Transport Vision. RESOLVED, that the Board note the contents of the report and progress made to date.	
8	SCR Integrated Public Transport Network Study	
	The Board was provided with an explanation of what the study has been commissioned to achieve i.e. the identification of a pipeline of potential public transport schemes to address future constraints and demands on the public transport network. It was noted the final report will act as a partner document to the SCR Transport Strategy and HS2 Growth and Connectivity Strategies.	
	It was noted the study is also assessing best practise nationally and internationally and all appropriate stakeholder organisations have been engaged.	
	It was noted the findings will include mapping data denoting likely constraints and expected future demand, and will include consideration of known local plan developments (and updated as the plans themselves are developed).	
	Consideration was given to what weighting factors or 'lenses' should be applied to the findings to help steer any subsequent scheme prioritisation exercises. It was recognised that the SCR has a focus on economic regeneration, but agreed that access to public services, social mobility and supporting sites of greatest need are factors that need to be given appropriate recognition. It was agreed the potential outcomes of the current raft of health reviews also need to be a consideration, as any relocation of services is likely to create a shift in demand for public transport accessibility provision.	
	The Chair questioned whether the future affordability of public transport services has been considered. It was suggested this is difficult to quantify, albeit this had been explored by the team.	
	Action: Mark / David to share the Mott McDonald report before it's presentation to the Combined Authority	

9	TfN Update	
	It was noted TfN launched their Strategic Transport Plan consultation on 16 th January. Two stakeholder and public engagement events are due to be held in the region at Sheffield City Hall on 14 th February and DSA on 21 st March.	
	It was suggested it would be useful for all SCR 'representatives' (e.g. LEP Board members) to have a crib sheet of matters of most pertinence to assist with the lobbying process at events such as these.	
	It was noted meetings are in the diary with TfN and Highways England to review trans-Pennine connectivity plans (including tunnels).	
10	Any Other Business	
	The Board was advised of matters of relevance contained within the SY Future Transport Funding paper, presented to the last meeting of the Combined Authority. It was noted this includes plans for a £3.5m capital pot (the details of which will be considered at the next meeting). It was noted the Combined Authority also endorsed the proposal to undertake a wide review of transport governance in the SCR.	
	It was noted the SCR's consultation response to the Highways England Road Investment Strategy (RIS) 2 study will be submitted tomorrow. (Post-meeting note – this has now taken place).	
	Consideration was given to the possible implications for transport governance that may arise post-Mayoral appointment, noting the Mayor will have some powers in relation to public transport reregulation. It was suggested it would be useful if the candidates declare their intentions ahead of the election and proposed the candidates be invited to attend a TEB or other committee meeting.	
	Action: Mark / David to present a report to the next meeting summarising the Mayor's immediate transport powers upon election.	
11	Date of Next Meeting	
	29 th March, 2.00pm at Sheffield Town Hall	
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